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1. In early March 1947 the Soviets shipped 30 locomotives to Chongjin (Seishin) (129-20, 41-47), then by rail via Tumen (131-02, 43-13) and Mutanchiang (129-37, 44-35), to Harbin. The locomotives arrived in two shipments, the first on 29 April, the second on 9 May. Accompanying the shipments was a total of 100 Japanese engineers and railroad technicians, who proceeded from Harbin to Tsitsihar (123-57, 47-22) and Poketu (121-54, 48-46).

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2. These locomotives are former Japanese engines which were sent by the Soviets to Siberia for overhaul. The drive shafts are painted white, and the Soviet "hammer and sickle" insignia is painted in red (? on the cab).

Note: The origin of the locomotives is not clear as Siberia is given in paragraph 2 but the transportation route used suggests that the locomotives may have been shipped from Dairen to Chongjin and then by rail to Harbin. There have been previous reports of the shipment of rolling stock from Dairen to either Korea or Siberia.

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